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Identical letters dated 18 December 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On the instructions of my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations from 8 to 14 December 2007 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 17, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 18 December 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Subject: Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 8 to 14 December 2007, inclusive

Air violations

On 9 December 2007, between 0530 hours and 0600 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off Tyre and circled over the Shuf, Damur and South regions. It departed over al-Naqurah.

Between 1330 hours and 1710 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off Sidon in an easterly direction and circled over regions of the South. It departed over `Alma al-Sha`b.

Between 1655 hours and 2310 hours, an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off al-Naqurah in an easterly direction and circled over regions of the South. It departed over Rumaysh.

On 10 December 2007, between 1240 hours and 1515 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off al-Naqurah in the direction of Beirut and circled over Beirut and its suburbs. It departed over the sea off al-Naqurah.

Between 1710 hours and 2100 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over al-Naqurah in the direction of Beirut and circled over the Beirut, Damur and South regions. It departed over al-Naqurah.

Between 1719 hours and 2015 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over Rumaysh in a northerly direction as far as Nabatiyah and circled over regions of the South. It departed over `Alma al-Sha`b.

On 11 December 2007, between 1429 hours and 2200 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over Rumaysh and circled over the Shuf and South regions. It departed over al-Naqurah.

Between 1819 hours and 2200 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over `Alma al-Sha`b and circled over the southern regions. It departed over al-Naqurah.

At 2135 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off al-Naqurah and circled over the southern regions. It departed on 12 December 2007 at 0445 hours over the sea off al-Naqurah.

On 12 December 2007, between 0645 hours and 1115 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off Tyre in a northerly direction and circled over the sea between Na`imah and Damur, and then over Beirut and its suburbs. It then headed south and departed over al-Naqurah.

Between 1050 hours and 1512 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off Tyre in a northerly direction as far as

Beirut and circled over Beirut and its suburbs, and then the South. It departed over Rumaysh.

Between 1445 hours and 1715 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off Tyre in a northerly direction and circled over the South. It departed over Yarun.

Between 1700 hours and 2055 hours, an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off al-Naqurah in an easterly direction and circled over regions of the South. It departed over al-Naqurah.

Between 1705 hours and 2140 hours, an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off al-Naqurah in a northerly direction and circled over regions of the South. It departed over Rumaysh.

At 2040 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off al-Naqurah and circled over the southern regions. It departed on 13 December 2007 at 0130 hours over the sea off Rumaysh.

At 2130 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off Tyre and circled over the southern regions. It departed on 13 December 2007 at 0435 hours over al-Naqurah.

On 13 December 2007, between 0120 hours and 0435 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off al-Naqurah and circled over the southern regions. It departed over `Alma al-Sha`b.

Between 1315 hours and 1330 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the towns of Mashgharah and `Aytanit at high altitude.

Sea violations

On 13 December 2007, at 1340 hours the Israeli enemy threw hand grenades in the sea at a diver it claimed to have spotted 250 metres north of the string of buoys off the coast.

Acts of aggression in the field

On 10 December 2007, at 0844 hours, inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite the town of Kafr Kila, an enemy Israeli bulldozer and Poclain excavator, escorted by military vehicles, proceeded to perform road maintenance to protect against rainfall runoff. They opened two breaches under the barbed wire strip in the area of the crossing between the towns of Kafr Kila and `Adaysah, and then pumped water from occupied Palestinian territory into Lebanese territory. An army patrol used a civilian bulldozer to raise a 10 metre long and 1.25 metre high earthen berm inside Lebanese territory in front of the aforementioned breaches.

On 12 December 2007, at 1230 hours, approximately 150 Israeli cows from the occupied Shab`a farmlands crossed approximately 100 metres over the line of withdrawal. They departed at 1345 hours.